ed demand of Rs. 27.80 crores from M/s. ITC Ltd., Bangalore has been got vacated;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take against the said company to recover the dues in public interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) No Sir, the stay order has not so far been asked to take steps for vacation of stay order and for early disposal of the writ petition. Action for recovery of dues will depend upon the order of the High Court.

Development of Adventure Tourism in the Country

*196. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to encourage adventure tourism in the country;

(b) what has been the foreign exchange earning from tourism during 1991; and

(c) what steps are being taken to increase foreign exchange earning through tourism?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) To encourage Adventure Tourism financial assistance is provided to State Governments for purchase of equipment. Seminars, Meets, Exhibitions and training programmes are organised in association with State Governments and adventure related organisations. Publicity material is also produced for marketing and promotion of adventure tourism in India and abroad.

(b) Foreign exchange earnings from tourism for the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 are estimated at Rs. 2053 crores, Rs. 2456 crores and Rs. 2441 crores respectively.

(c) Continuous and concerted efforts are made to increase tourist arrivals and foreign exchange earnings. These include development of infrastructure facilities, identification and development of new destinations as well as publicity, promotion and marketing in the tourism generating markets overseas. A National Action Plan for Tourism for increasing tourist arrivals and foreign exchange earnings has been presented to Parliament on 5-5-1992.

CBI Investigations against ITDC Executives

*197. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the ITDC executives against whom vigilance cases and/or CBI/CVC investigations were pending have either resigned or have been offered premature retirement under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme of the ITDC;

(b) if so, what are the details of such executives alongwith the cases in which they were/are involved and quantum of compensation given to them under this scheme;

(c) what is the justification for dropping the CBI/CVC investigations and also the disciplinary cases against the said ITDC executives; and

(d) whether Government would order an impartial inquiry to fix the responsibility on the concerned officials who favoured the above-mentioned employees of the ITDC with the benefit under the Voluntary retirement Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Some of the ITDC executives against whom internal vigilance cases or CBI investigations were pending have bought voluntary retirement under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

(b) CBI investigations are pending in respect of the following two officers, details of which are given below:

1. Shri P. S. Krishna GM (MM & D) — Misuse of official position for obtaining dealership of toiletary items from private firms in the name of his wife.
2. R.K. Jain Sr. Mgr (MM & D) — Placing supply orders to non-existing firms as a result bogus payment was made to the suppliers.

No compensation has been paid to them. Their requests for voluntary retirement have not been accepted.

The applications for voluntary retirement in respect of the folliwing officers have been accepted. Details of the internal vigilanc cases are shown against their names:

S. No.	Name	Allegations
1	S/Shri R.G. Virlley Dy. General Manager (Per)	Administrative lapse.
2	R. Bhardwaj Sr. Manager (Mktg)	Error of judgement
3	G.B. Singh Manager (Civil)	Lack of supervision and negligence.
4	Ashok Sood Manager Hotel Jammu Ashok	Misuse of Perks
5	T.R. Chumasia Asstt. Mgr. (E&M)	Mis-behaviour in the office premises
6	B.C. Mehra Asstt. Manager (Recreation)	Exceeding the limits of authority
7	C.L. Sahni Asstt. Manager (MV&D)	Minor irregularities in purchase of stationery items.

These Executives will be paid the normal retirement benefits under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme duly approved by the Government of India like any other employee seeking Voluntary Retirement.

(c) The allegations against the above Executives were of minor nature and would not have resulted into major penalty action after enquiries. The Corporation therefore, decided that no useful purpose would be served by refusing their request for voluntary retirement.

(d) No, Sir. No case of favouritism is involved.

Clearing of applications under the Advance Import Licensing Scheme

*198. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the liberalised process introduced by Government has any impact on disposal of 'Issue of Advance Licence' to exporters;

(b) what is the number of applications that have been received by the CCI&E under the value-based Advance Import Licensing Scheme during the months of April, May and June, 1992 after the announcement of new Exim policy on the 1st April, 1992;

(c) what is the number of such applications that have been cleared together with the number of applications that have been rejected and also the reasons therefor;